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For:

NETWORK NODE APPARATUS,

NETWORK SYSTEM USING THE SAME AND FAULT LOCATION DETECTING

METHOD

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Preliminary to examination, please amend the above-referenced application as

follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Rewrite the paragraph at page 12, line 6, as follows:

FIGS. 3A through 3D are block diagrams showing an internal configuration of each of determination devices 11a to 11h as shown in FIG. 2;

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REMARKS

The application has been editorially revised for consistency between the specification and the drawings. Favorable action on the application is solicited.

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MARKED-UP VERSION SHOWING CHANGES MADE

[FIG. 3 is a] <u>FIGS. 3A through 3D are block [diagram] diagrams</u> showing an internal configuration of each of determination devices 11a to 11h as shown in FIG. 2;